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### **San Diego Master Chorale Will Perform Opera Choruses at Central Library** ***"Lost in the Stars" Program to Highlight American and European Composers***

**SAN DIEGO** – The fourth concert of the 2013 Fall Concert Series of the City of San Diego Public Library will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013. The San Diego Master Chorale will perform "Lost in the Stars," a program of American and European opera choruses by composers ranging from Purcell to Bernstein. The FREE program will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the San Diego Central Library@ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, 330 Park Boulevard at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Petco Park. The recital lasts about one hour with no intermission. Details of the program follow:

- K. Weill, *Lost in the Stars* (*Lost in the Stars*)
- H. Purcell, *To the Hills and the Vales; Dido's Lament; With Drooping Wings* (*Dido and Aeneas*)
- G. F. Handel, *Galatea, Dry Thy Tears* (*Acis and Galatea*)
- G. Verdi, *Va pensiero* (*Nabucco*); *Anvil Chorus* (*Il trovatore*)
- W. A. Mozart, *Placido è il mar* (*Idomeneo*)
- B. Britten, *Choral Dances* (*Gloriana*)
- M. Ravel, *Il est bon, l'enfant, il est sage* (*L'Enfant et les Sortilèges*)
- S. Barber, *Under the Willow Tree* (*Vanessa*)
- L. Bernstein, *Glitter and Be Gay; Best of All Possible Worlds* (*Candide*)

The San Diego Master Chorale (SDMC), called "The Voice of San Diego" by mayoral proclamation, includes many of San Diego's finest singers who perform more than 25 times each year all around San Diego County. Originally established in 1961 as the San Diego Symphonic Chorale, the choral arm of the San Diego Symphony, the Chorale became an independent arts organization in 1979 and changed its name to the San Diego Master Chorale. The singers, all unpaid volunteers, also participate in the Chorale's active community outreach programs, including an interactive presentation on the History of Choral Music to elementary school music classes and entertainment for local retirement homes. The

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SDMC has made a number of concert tours throughout Europe, most recently a tour of France after the 2010-2011 season to celebrate its Golden Anniversary.

In 2009, the San Diego Master Chorale was honored as the recipient of the prestigious ASCAP/Alice Parker Award for Innovative Choral Programming. In 2010, the Chorale commissioned world-renowned composer David Conte (<http://www.davidconte.net>) to create a new choral work entitled "To Music"; the world premiere performance was presented as part of their Golden Anniversary season. Mr. Conte's more than 70 published compositions include "An Exhortation", which was featured at President Barack Obama's 2009 Inauguration.

The San Diego Master Chorale's mission is to promote and preserve the art of choral music through performance, education, and diverse community outreach. Their repertoire ranges from the masterworks of choral literature to contemporary songs, spirituals, folk songs, opera choruses, and choruses from musical theatre. The SDMC is funded in part by a grant from the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, and by donations from its singers, corporate sponsors, and dedicated friends. To learn more, visit <http://www.sdmasterchorale.org/>.

The 2013 Fall Concert Series is the first concert series to be presented in San Diego Public Library's new Central Library. During the inaugural fall season, performers from some of the finest ensembles in San Diego will perform, including San Diego Symphony, Bach Collegium San Diego, San Diego Master Chorale, Hausmann Quartet, San Diego Children's Choir, and Camarada. For details, go to the library's Concert Series website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/concertseries.shtml>

The concert is free and open to the public. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted. Affordable parking is available at the library and thousands of public spaces within walking distance of the library.

For more information, call Central Library's Art, Music and Recreation Section at 619-236-5800, or visit the Library on the City's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org). Learn about other events at San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 branch libraries, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's online catalog.

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